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Welcome

Dear Friends,

The New Year brought Wisconsin to the next chapter of Governor Doyle's Clean Energy Wisconsin: A Plan for Energy Independence. In 2009, we saw great strides being made toward cleaner air, water and energy security for our state. Wisconsin now offers many new clean energy programs: Clean Energy Manufacturing Loan, Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, Energy Outreach and Education, 25x25 Plan Grant, and more Energy Star Rebates.

From 2009 to early 2010, the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership grew from 30 EI Community members to over 135 members. This includes a wonderful group of 10 EI Pilot Communities. From the Chequamegon Bay, to Brown County, to the City of Lancaster, to the City of Oconomowoc, and back up to the Town of Fairfield Wisconsinites all over the state focused on energy independence.

The Office of Energy Independence truly wants to thank all of the EI Communities around the State of Wisconsin. Communities are passing 25x25 resolutions, creating local energy teams and developing energy independence plans to show their dedication to a clean energy future. Through this

continued partnership, we will assist communities by seeking funding opportunities that will help achieve our 25x25 goal - 25% renewable sources of energy by 2025.

Thanks again, for your dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,

Judy Ziewacz
Director
Office of Energy Independence

Grant Announcements:

25x25 Plan Grant

Outreach and Education

EECBG

25x25 Plan Grant

Grant awardees for the second generation of EI Pilot Communities will be announced soon!

Click [here](#) for the January 2010 Status Report, which lists all EI Community members.

Outreach and Education

Grant awardees for the energy outreach and education will also be announced soon. More details in the near future.

EECBG

The State of Wisconsin multi-agency team is near completion in the scoring these grants. There were over 160 applications received. The retrofit and lighting projects that were submitted

will surely create a positive impact on energy efficiency in our local units of government. Our goal is to complete this process and have awards decided so our communities can put citizens back to work as soon as possible.

Thank You

To all of you interested in the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership and our shared goal of achieving 25x25. Please contact us with any stories or news about your community at: oei@wisconsin.gov

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